

Scripture

Matthew 10:24-39 (NLT)

10:24 “Students are not greater than their teacher, and slaves are not greater than their master. **25** Students are to be like their teacher, and slaves are to be like their master. And since I, the master of the household, have been called the prince of demons, the members of my household will be called by even worse names!”

26 “But don’t be afraid of those who threaten you. For the time is coming when everything that is covered will be revealed, and all that is secret will be made known to all. **27** What I tell you now in the darkness, shout abroad when daybreak comes. What I whisper in your ear, shout from the housetops for all to hear!

28 “Don’t be afraid of those who want to kill your body; they cannot touch your soul. Fear only God, who can destroy both soul and body in hell.”

29 “What is the price of two sparrows – one copper coin? But not a single sparrow can fall to the ground without your Father knowing it. **30** And the very hairs on your head are all numbered. **31** So don’t be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows.

32 “Everyone who acknowledges me publicly here on earth, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. **33** But everyone who denies me here on earth, I will also deny before my Father in heaven.”

34 “Don’t imagine that I came to bring peace to the earth! I came not to bring peace, but a sword.

35 ‘I have come to set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.

36 ‘Your enemies will be right in your own household!’

37 “If you love your father or mother more than you love me, you are not worthy of being mine; or if you love your son or daughter more than me, you are not worthy of being mine.

38 “If you refuse to take up your cross and follow me, you are not worthy of being mine.

39 “If you cling to your life, you will lose it; but if you give up your life for me, you will find it.”